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Wilberforce students celebrate Arbour Day

Hydro One forestry team members visited students at Wilberforce Elementary School on May 2 to teach about trees and vegetation management. The Hydro One program visits schools across the province during Arbour Week. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

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County Life staff

"Trees give us oxygen."
"They take carbon dioxide out of the air."
"Animals live in them."
"T hey keep us alive."

Students at Wilberforce Elementary School responded quickly to questions about the benefit of trees posed by the Hydro One forestry team visiting their school on Arbour Day, May 2.

Hydro One teams annually visit more than 50 schools throughout the province during Arbour Week, as part of an initiative to teach kids about the importance of trees and vegetation management safety.

"It's great to get into the community to talk about safety, what we do, and help sway negative sentiment for Hydro One," said Rusty Cochrane, a Hydro One forestry technician who has been involved with the program for more than 20 years. "We're not just about cutting trees."

After an indoor presentation, students went outside to learn about the Hydro One bucket truck, and tools the utility arborists and forestry technicians use on the job.

"I think it's a very good educational opportunity for students," said Barb Davies, WES vice-principal. "It teaches them about the environment, and also the possibility of future jobs."

Despite rain, students helped Cochrane plant a red oak and sugar maple spruce in the front yard of the school property. This year, Cochrane was using biochar from Haliburton Forest during the planting, to help encourage growth in what he said had proven to be dry land in years past.

Students each went home with a seedling, courtesy of the Hydro One Arbour Day program, which donated 100 trees to the WES student body.

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> — Barb Davies

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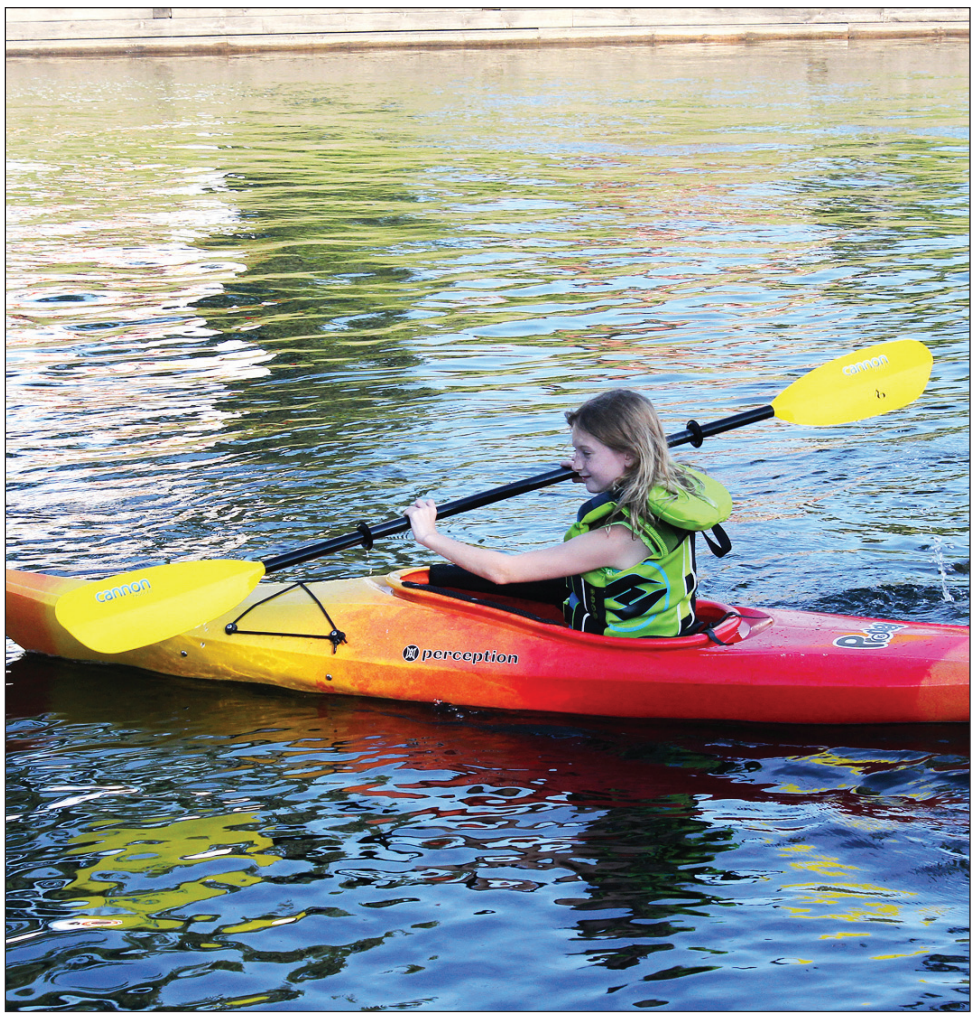
Ben Thomas, utility arborist, answers questions from students. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Students watch as Rusty Cochrane, forestry technician for Hydro One, plants a tree at Wilberforce Elementary School for Arbour Day.



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Attention paddling lovers: send in your best pics of canoeing or kayaking for a chance to win tickets to the Reel Paddling Film Festival in Haliburton on Friday, June 9. Send in your photos by May 24 for your chance to win. All photos will be published in County Life on June 1.

In photo: Paige Zimmerman gets a taste kayaking on the Gull River with Make it Minden in this file photo taken by Elizabeth Bate. Zimmerman was one of several children who got to experience the sport for free under the watchful eye of instructors from Boatwerks, owned by Algonquin Outfitters.

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The graduating class of Cook It Up, in its third season: Katie Peddie, Stephanie Pethick, Jossie Yeoman, Sonya Paterson, Elisa Garcia, Robert Nicholls, Leslie Ellis, Corinne Bailey and Brent Maxwell. In front row, Diane McKnight, Gena Roberston and Brenda Coty. JERELYN Craden Special t o County Life

Cook it Up serves up success

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Cook it well and they will come. Serve it well and they will stay. Create a unique menu every time and they will come again. Over nine consecutive Mondays, 450 customers packed Baked & Battered in Haliburton for SIRCH Community Services' popular Cook it Up program – lunches planned, prepared, cooked, and served by nine trainees who graduated season three on May 2 with confidence, experience, skills and invaluable food service certificates.

Diane McKnight, food initiatives co-ordinator, SIRCH, is grateful to be a part of it, and to the City of Kawartha Lakes for funding, and Baked & Battered owners, Craig Gordon and Colby Marcellus, for donating the use of their restaurant. "We couldn't do it without them. Every graduate from seasons one and two are employed, and some our new graduates already have jobs."

Adam Burbidge, 26, was employed by McKecks before season two ended. "Chef Aaron Walker came in to talk to us about employment opportunities at McKecks. I approached him after class and he invited me to bring in a resume. I decided to pursue an apprenticeship and … I've been working there for a little over a year. I love it, especially in the summer when it's busy and hectic. It makes an 11 hour shift feel like half an hour."

Katie Peddie, 28, a licensed carpenter, loves the program.

"Nobody up here [in Haliburton] wanted to give a 110 pound woman carpentry work. The program gave me a new career. I love everything about it – the people, the friendliness and the training. And, now I have my Smart Serve and Safe Food Handling certificates which had everything to do with my being hired by the Mill Pond [in Carnarvon] as third chef. I love being in the kitchen and I look forward to going to work every morning."

Brenda Coty, instructor in "front of house" and customer service, said: "There are certain rules for serving properly and guidelines on how to speak with customer which topics of conversation are best, how long to talk, and how to be professional. Just taking this course is success in itself."

Trainee, Sonya Paterson, 59, thinks the world of Coty and McKnight. "I used to be nervous in stressful situations and they taught me how to remain calm and have fun when stressful things comes up."

Previously, a landscaper, Paterson found that it was becoming too difficult. In October 2016, she started doing "food prep" at Kosy Korner (in Haliburton) and is still working there. "I took the program because I knew I would be more of a benefit to any employer in the hospitality business. I've learned so much."

Nineteen-year-old Robert Nicholls always wanted to be a prep cook.

"My father was a professional cook and baker, and I learned knife skills and basic prep work from him. The CIU [Cook It Up] program has improved my knife skills and boosted my confidence. My conversational skills are stronger, and I've even gotten compliments on my serving skills." On graduation day, Gena Robertson, executive director, SIRCH, received thanks from the new graduates, Katie Peddie, Stephanie Pethick, Jossie Yeoman, Sonya Paterson, Elisa Garcia, Robert Nicholls, Leslie Ellis, Corinne Bailey and Brent Maxwell.

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Audience invited to be allies to LGBTQ youth

SUE TIFFIN
County Life staff

Be Our Ally, an interactive play for youth about homophobic bullying, is being performed at the Minden United Church on May 27. Admission is free. Submitted photo.

An interactive drama coming to Minden will allow audience members the chance to confront a homophobic bully.

Be Our Ally, a 75-minute play about LGBTQ youth and the impact of bullying and homophobia, is being presented by Point in Time with the help of Lisa Tolentino and family after Tolentino suggested the violence prevention program come to town.

The play follows the story of Tommy, who faces taunting and discrimination, which leads to thoughts of suicide, after he asks Zack to the school dance. A type of forum theatre, the play elicits responses from the audience to impact the outcome to improve Tommy's situation.

"It is shameful that we live in a society where people who are seen to love 'differently' are targets of hate crimes and discrimination," reads the play description at sheatre.com, the theatre company's website. "We believe that we must begin to reshape the words and values that create victims of hate crimes in the LGTBQ community."

Tolentino's idea to bring the play to Haliburton County was generated from a session about inclusion and compassion presented by representatives of Sheatre Educational Alternative Theatre at the 2016 SPARC (Supporting Performing Arts in Rural Communities) workshops held locally last fall. Tolentino facilitated the group, where videos of *Be Our Ally* were shown by presenters.

"I was impressed with it," said Tolentino. "At the SPARC event, we were talking about issues that had come up recently in the community related to discrimination. I got a bit concerned and felt that something needed to be done."

Tolentino said this is especially important to her as a parent, as she wants to encourage her son to be compassionate and understanding.

"As a kid growing up in our community, I want him to feel like he's included and want him to understand that everyone should be included regardless of, for instance, their sexual orientation."

Tolentino said she has been involved in forum theatre before and appreciates the discourse that can stem from it.

"It's an excellent way to address ways of discrimination," she said. "I would love it if we could tackle other issues, too – environmental issues, for example. It's a safe place to create dialogue."

Rachel Gillooly, SPARC symposium project coordinator, said Sheatre has delivered powerful workshops at conferences she has attended, and some of the photos from the photo exhibition of *Be Our Ally* were presented at the 2014 SPARC Symposium held in Haliburton.

"Sheatre have done some really innovative stuff," said Gillooly. "They have really put their money where their mouths are when it comes to creating community-based art for social change."

Be Our Ally was created with the help of more than 50 youth in Grey-Bruce-Owen Sound and has toured at schools throughout Ontario.

"It's a wonderful experience to see a play that is so interactive, the actors don't know what's going to happen – everyone knows that no one knows what's going to happen," said david sereda, *Be Our Ally* co-producer. "When we say something in real life, that moment is gone, we can't replay it. But in this particular form of theatre, you can try ideas out and change the outcome."

Event organizers are accepting donations in advance to help with funding the production, as well as door prizes to give away at the performance. Interested contributors can contact Gail Stelter at 705-457-3768 or gailstelter@sympatico.ca.

Be Our Ally will be presented on Saturday, May 27 at 1 p.m. at the Minden United Church at 21 Newcastle St. Admission is free or by donation to Point in Time .

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Voices raised in song
The Haliburton Highlands Youth Ensemble gave an energetic rendering of Rhythm of Life by Fields and Coleman at the music festival's Highlights Concert on Thursday, April 27. The Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton was filled with family and friends of many musical acts throughout the evening.
JENN WATT Staff

Fun Days indeed

This Saturday the Haliburton Highland Outdoors Association is having its Fun Day. This fantastic family event will have a host of great activities – everything from falconry displays to bouncy castles, as well as a campfire, food, free giveaways and a trout fishing pond. And, as always, it supports a great cause.

While I'm looking forward to this, it has got me thinking that each of us should incorporate fun days into our everyday lives. The issue, as always, is how to fill your normal days with fun.

Here are 10 ways that might help:

1. Rent your own bouncy castle and then step into it wearing stiletto heels just to see where you'll end up.
2. Buy two trampolines. Place one on the ground and one six feet above as a ceiling. See how far once good bounce gets you.
3. Go to a new fishing camp with a friend, but not before you secretly place a name tag on his jacket that says, "Hi, my name is Kitten!"
4. Wear a T-shirt that says, "CEOs for higher hydro rates" and then see how many interesting conversations spark up.
5. Let your cat fall asleep on a towel and then see how many helium balloon it takes to float it.
6. Do this under the ceiling fan.
7. Replace your teenager's downloaded music with Lawrence Welk's greatest hits.
8. Just for fun, tell the kids you're cancelling the wi-fi tomorrow.
9. Buy a bullhorn and use it at the dinner table. Enjoy how much more quickly the potatoes are passed.
10. Armpit hair extensions. Tank tops. Enough said.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

Neighbours are our friends

JANICE BISHOP
Special to *County Life*

Renters and neighbours can happily co-exist if extra care is taken during the booking process. Here are four simple steps you can take to help ensure a happy neighbour-renter relationship.

1) Screen your renters. You can control the use of your cottage by carefully screening your renters. Ask a lot of questions. Who is coming to the cottage? How old are they? You do not have to accept every application you receive.

This is especially important now that Airbnb is promoting cottage rentals, as they appeal to a young demographic. Don't assume that web accommodation listing services (Airbnb, Homeaway, CanadaStays) screen renters. They do not screen renters. They are an advertising/booking service only.

2) Be mindful of your neighbours' privacy. Let renters know where property boundaries are to ensure they don't disturb your neighbours.

3) Enlist your neighbours' help. It never hurts to have an extra pair of eyes watching your cottage. Encourage neighbours to phone if they see unacceptable behaviour. Issues like barking dogs or loud music should be dealt with by you or your cottage rental agency. Never ignore reasonable neighbour complaints.

4) Ban fireworks. Make it clear that renters are not welcome to set off fireworks. No exceptions.

If you want to work with someone who will administer detailed legal contracts and screen applicants on your behalf, work with a cottage rental agency. It's important to be aware of this difference. Cottage rental agencies actively work with your customers. Online listing services do not.

Janice Bishop is the owner of All-Season Cottage Rentals and has worked within the tourism industry for over 40 years.

May is Museum Month in Minden

LAURIE CARMOUNT
Special to *County Life*

The month of May has been designated internationally as museum month as this is when most museums' seasons begin. This applies to the Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village.

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre has three sections; the museum is the largest part but is not as known. It resides behind the other two sections and can sometimes be overlooked. Six heritage buildings are set around a circle path, unlike most sites which are set up like a traditional village with crossroads. These heritage buildings are arranged inside with artifacts and information for visitors to explore.

The Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village began in 1984. The community brought in original heritage buildings and built some replicas to create a village atmosphere. A collection of local artifacts was started and has now grown to over 6,000 items. Currently the museum exhibition space is in the Sterling Bank which was the original bank downtown where the CIBC now resides.

The collection reflects the Edwardian time period (1860-1910). This is fairly unique as most heritage villages represent the 1800s with traditional early settler activities. The Edwardian time period saw technological advancements and inventions that made everyday life much easier. These came to the Minden area much later than in urban centres of the 19th century, but it now allows the museum to offer visitors different kinds of activities to experience.

For example, fashion rapidly evolved at this time. Roller skating and bicycling were "all the rage". Women continued to speak out about the right to vote. The town of Minden was prosperous and diverse with stately homes and gardens in contrast to the men working in the bush living in canvas tents.

This year, the Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village will be greatly expanding its programming to capture the lifestyle and day-to-day activities of the 1900s. Opening on the Victoria Day weekend, visitors will be invited to partake in an Edwardian Tea in the Bowron House, starting at 1 p.m. For the weekend, Saturday and Sunday, staff will be demonstrating different activities and interpreting spaces throughout the village. The highlight is the new 1901 wood burning step-top cookstove where biscuit, cookies and other traditional baking will be done.

Other activities will involve housework, sewing, and gardening. With the large garden outside of the Bowron House, planting season will have begun. This year the garden continues to be part of the Grade 3 program where students learn about the Three Sister growing method. This program is in partnership with the Minden horticultural group. The garden will also have heirloom plants of the time period and will be harvested as part of the programming. The museum will collect and demonstrate cooking and preserving methods throughout the season. Visitors may participate in these processes.

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Cruisers to play the curling club May 13

CHAD INGRAM
County Life staff

Spending Saturday night with a bunch of cops may not necessarily sound like a good time, but that will be the case when The Cruisers bring some '50s and '60s rock 'n roll to the Minden Curling Club on May 13.

The dinner and dance is a fundraiser for the club, which experienced staggeringly high hydro costs in 2016, with bills for the year totalling $43,000.

"The history of the band . . . originally we were called The Shades of Blue," says bassist and curling club member Doug Hall.

Hall, a retired police officer, explains that in the early 1980s, he and some other musically inclined members of the York Regional Police formed a classic rock band, becoming sort of musical ambassadors for the force.

"We actually did it as part of our jobs . . . say no to drug campaigns, community fundraisers," Hall explains.

The band played regularly into the 1990s, then regrouped about a decade ago, rebranding themselves as The Cruisers, the moniker another homage to their profession.

Hall, along with lead singer/guitarist Doug MacPhail and lead guitarist Paul Torrens are original members, with drummer Steve Jones and keyboardist Mike Clewlow rounding out the group.

Some county residents may recognize Clewlow from the Highlands Trio.

The Cruisers play mostly '50s and '60s rock.

"We creep into the '70s and we creep into the '40s," Hall says. Since the fundraiser has a '50s and '60s theme, most of the tunes that evening will be from that era.

Doors for the event open at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 13.

Tickets are $25 per person and are available at On The Spot Variety in downtown Minden.

The Cruisers will bring classic '50s and '60s rock 'n roll to the Minden Curling Club for a fundraiser May 13. Seen here playing Music by the Gull in Minden, the Cruisers are Doug Hall, left, Doug MacPhail, Paul Torrens, Steve Jones and Mike Clewlow.

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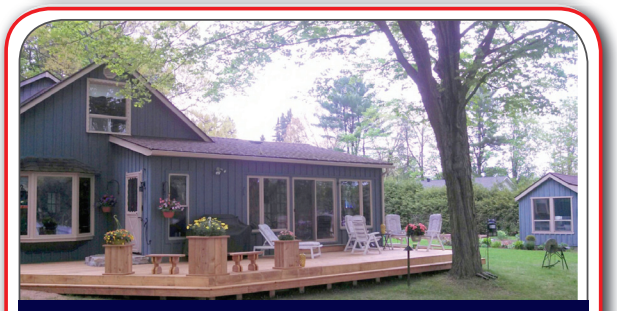

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Day camps take kids back in time

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Other parts of the village will be active, such as the schoolhouse where one can sit for a lesson. Or visit the local bank to deposit, filling out your slip by having to add your sums.

The bigger goal for the village this year, however, is to refurbish the barn; making it into an actual barn – with animals. Staff came across original drawings of the barn and it was intended to house animals, with a side stone fence pasture.

As the Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village moves toward a living history format a redirection of institutional commitment toward live demonstration and historical context is being developed overall. The museum's mission and methodology guide the workings and development of the museum's strategic planning. The mission and methodology provide the rationale for a livestock program at the museum. The methodology specifically identifies farming and agriculture as significant parts of Minden's history which "brought profound change to this area."

In following living history sites in Ontario (Upper Canada Village, Doon Heritage Village, Black Creek Pioneer Village, and Lang Pioneer Village) that have livestock programs, it is this museum's intent to borrow/rent the animals for short time periods or just a day during the months of July and August. This would create partnerships between the museum and local farmers as well as ensure the animal's care and the museum's responsible husbandry.

Exhibition, interpretation and public programming are the three main tools museums use to connect and educate their audience. The livestock program would strengthen and revitalize many of these tools the museum already employs. It would be complementary, as we already have a building intended to house animals, staff on site for care, and the historical context which would have had farm animals present.

The focus of this livestock program is to educate our audience on what a working farm is and how it works. This is especially important in a time when less than 2 per cent of Canadians are farmers. Sadly for many people in major cities, "old MacDonald had a farm", plastic Fisher Price farmland toys and YouTube will be the major tools for understanding farming and many will not get the opportunity to see a live farm animal at work.

Some of the education goals will be learning about agriculture in the history of Minden and how the 19th-century settlers lived and worked, livestock vs. pets/zoo animals, the connection to livestock and our food, heritage breeds vs. those of today, the history of bartering and trading vs. modern economics, adults and children's roles on the farm and demonstrations of farm chores, cleaning pens, feeding animals, and collecting eggs.

Day camps for children nine and up will be offered through the months of July and August. The 1901 Day Camp on Wednesdays will be specifically with the Heritage Village. This is where children will have a day of early settler activities and yes, hopefully, a chance to work with the farm animals.

The museum will also be assembling its large rug loom in the Common Room area in the main building by the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. This will be a demonstration area for visitors who then can venture to the Bowron House and try their hand at weaving and spinning.

On Aug. 12, the museum will be hosting Textile Traditions: Use and Mis-use of Textiles. During this day, the role of textiles will be examined. Throughout the 19th century, the average home dweller would, by today's standard, be considered a textile artist. They did everything from dyeing fleece and darning socks to warping looms and sewing frocks. Visitors will be given many opportunities to try their hand at different textile art forms.

The highlight this summer, for the Minden Hills Museum, is an exhibition titled Canada: Our Home. In the Sterling Bank building, this exhibition brings forward the lives of those who immigrated to Minden at the time when Canada had just become a nation. Exploring Canada's development and why people chose to make Canada their home and still do. In celebration of Canada's 150th anniversary of confederation, the exhibition will have interactive displays for the community to express why they are proud to call Canada home.

Please join us this summer and see the new exhibit and changes taking place at the Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village. Admission is by donation. Hours are Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

And if you would like to step back in time as a volunteer and be a part of the heritage interpretation or be involved behind the scenes, please call Ruth O'Connell at 705-286-3154 or roconnell@mindenhills.ca.

"It is impossible to comprehend [the human past and the processes by which societies have changed over time] if we continue to rip segments of culture – either the craft process, the artifact, or the historical figure – out of their larger historical contexts. . . . Our primary responsibilities as recorders and keepers of the past should be to recapture as much of the historical past as possible and to interpret an integrated look at human life, concentrating on the complex weave of human beings, environment, attitudes, and material objects." – David G. Vanderstel, *Humanizing the Past*, Journal of American Culture (1989)American Culture (1989)

Laurie Carmount is curator at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre

> *They did everything from dyeing fleece and darning socks to warping looms and sewing frocks*
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The bigger picture

Friends of ours recently took advantage of the run up in the Toronto real estate market to retire early and move permanently to live their Haliburton dream. When they bought their first home in Toronto it was during a mini housing boom in early 1981. A few short years and, a couple of kids later, they had outgrown this house and had to sell. It sold for 20 per cent less than what they had bought it for. Certainly a loss on paper, but our friends never saw it that way. They ended up buying a larger home in a nicer area for 20 per cent less than they would have paid in '81 and very happily moved on.

ELIZABETH O'CONNOR
Thinking Money

Their more recent move to Haliburton was precipitated by a number of factors. They had a life-long love for the natural beauty of Haliburton and its laid back lifestyle. The kids were all grown and the nest was empty. The maintenance and upkeep of a large property and home they were no longer suited to, had lost all appeal. Perhaps though the No. 1 reason was the continuing rise of Toronto real estate prices. They felt like they had won a lottery with the offer they received. As Toronto prices continue upward we wondered if they worried they may have sold too soon but, they had already very happily moved on. Their circumstances were right, the timing perfect and besides they pointed out, with the number of boomers getting ready to exit Toronto the future for Haliburton looks pretty rosy.

What is interesting from my perspective is their thinking and attitude toward real estate markets aligns perfectly with what is going to make them successful equity investors. They expect markets will rise and fall, they understand there will always be a time to buy and a time to sell. They are going in with open eyes set on the bigger picture and, for the long term.

They expect over that long term what they have accumulated will be protected and enhanced. Most important though they plan on enjoying their retirement. They have no desire to obsess about money, live with their eyes glued to market screens or, panic every time the price of oil changes, there's an election or a referendum in the EU.

The most significant comparison to be made between the real estate and equity markets is that success over the long term invariably depends on planning the market for the long term. There are ups and downs and gains and losses every day but over the long haul markets will rise. Successful investors come up with a strategy and plan to stay the course. The strategy will need tweaking every now and again but always with eyes on the bigger picture and the end game.

May all of us retire healthy, wealthy and wise.

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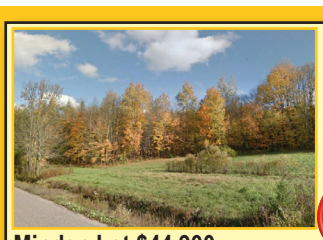

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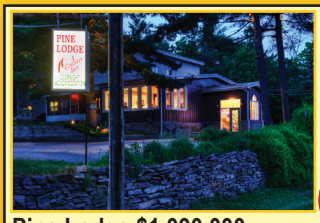

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When: Thursday May 11th, 7:30 pm
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When: Saturday, May 13, 2017
Where: Minden Curling Club.
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When: Tuesday May 16th, 7 p.m.
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When: Wednesday, May 17. Doors open 6pm, presenter 7pm.
Where: Lions Hall, Bobcaygeon Road, Minden.
What: Kim Emmerson presents his film made to celebrate the Haliburton Village Sesquicentennial
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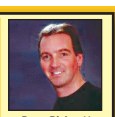

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NEW LISTING

Gull River $249,000

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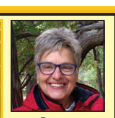

Dagmar Boettcher**
457-5968

Halls Lake $229,900

- 2 bdrm 1 bath cottage backs onto bush
- Bay window in dining/kitchen, brick FP
- Deeded access to Halls Lk 1 min away

Janice Brookes*
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- 2 bdrm. Little Home views Head Lake
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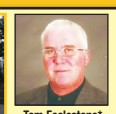
- 3 Bdm, Den, 1.5 Bath, Rec-Room
- Shed, Dbl D/W, Minutes to Town/Boat Launch



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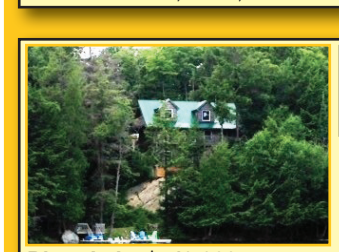

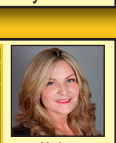

Lindsay Elder
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Bitter Lake $749,000

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- Oversized double garage with loft bunkie
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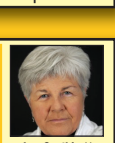

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Sir Sams Chalet $599,000

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Scott Harrison
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PRIVATE SETTING

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- Very nice level lot w/clean shoreline
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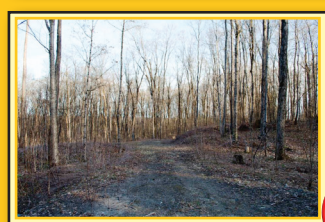

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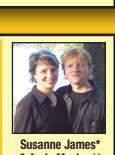

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WESTERN SUNSET

Long Lake $109,900

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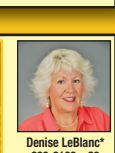

Denise LeBlanc*
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NEW LISTING

South Lake Home $629,000

- Flat point lot 316 ft of sand shoreline
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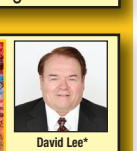

David Lee*
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Drag Lake $1,399,999

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- Stunning 3600 sf timber frame `hybrid'
- Lots of upgrades, garage/shop/loft

Erin Nicholls*
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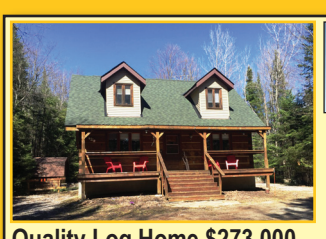

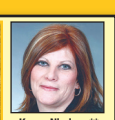

Karen Nimigon**
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Quality Log Home $273,000

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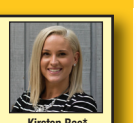
- 2 bedrooms plus a loft, 2 baths
- Open Main floor plan, lovely location



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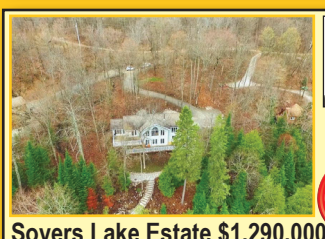

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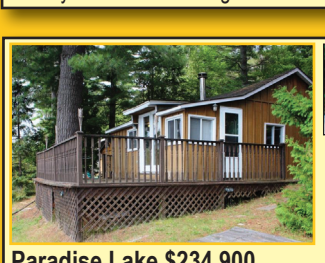

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Beautifying Gooderham

Artist Marja Tuomi talks about her mural that was unveiled along County Road 503 in Gooderham on April 29. Tuomi is part of the Gooderham Action Group, which is working on a series of beautification projects in the village. CHAD INGRAM Staff

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Flexing your mind's muscles

JENN WATT

County Life Staff

Keeping the mind healthy is just as important as the rest of the body, says Alzheimer Society public education co-ordinator Carolyn Hemminger, and there are tangible things that can be done to improve memory and stay sharp.

"We often hear about looking after our body, but not about our brain," says Hemminger, who is one of two speakers at an upcoming talk in Minden and Haliburton called Health Brains: How to Keep on Top of Your Mental Game.

"We look at four different areas: a healthy lifestyle, challenging our brain, being socially active and how to protect our head," she says.

Healthy food choices and reducing stress can do a lot for the performance of your brain, she said, as can making time for friends and family.

"When people become less social, it leads to isolation and can lead to health issues and depression," she says.

Hemminger has been working at the Alzheimer Society of City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton since 2009 and spends a good deal of her working days raising awareness about dementia, teaching best behaviours for a healthy brain and talking with those living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers.

She says these kinds of talks are fun to do because they are proactive and encourage people to take a leading role in the health of their minds.

The talk is for all ages, but Hemminger says it may be of particular interest to those who have retired or are approaching retirement.

In the process of retirement, new ways of stimulating the mind often need to be found to replace the social and intellectual role work plays.

Naturopathic doctor Bryan Knappett of Red Canoe Family Naturopathic will also be speaking at the event, which is being organized by the Haliburton County Service Providers Network as one its Need to Know Series sessions.

Admission to the talk is free and there are two chances to hear Hemminger and Knappett on Wednesday, May 17. You can catch them in Haliburton at 10:30 a.m. at the Haliburton Museum or in Minden's Hyland Crest auditorium at 2:30 p.m.

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No increase in AHM taxes

by Jerry Grozelle

Taxpayers in Anson, Hindon and Minden will not face an increase in the municipal portion of their property taxes in spite of federal and provincial government's downloading to the municipalities.

The Anson, Hindon and Minden share of property taxes remains unchanged from last year. Combine that with the fact that the county levy has dropped 2.4 per cent from last year and the School Board's portion is down 0.5 per cent and most taxpayers will see a slight decrease in their tax bills.

"The municipality has, once again, prepared a good news budget for the taxpayers, in spite of provincial grant reductions in the amount of $142,555," the municipality said in a written statement. "As a result of these lower grant allocations, the complement of summer employees was reduced and the full-time staff complement has been reduced by one, due to a retirement. Interdepartmental sharing of staff continues in the operation of the municipality. While council does not expect the public to encounter any serious reductions in the level of service provided, some periodic delays may be experienced."

Even with the cutbacks, the municipality's roads department budget provides for the purchase of a new loader, which will replace the 1986 model. In addition, a portion of the Soyer's Lake Road will receive hard surface treatment this summer and Prince Street in Minden will be reconstructed with the financial assistance of the Infrastructure Program.

Budget estimates also include the purchase of a new rescue vehicle for the Minden Fire Department, replacing the 1980 van which is currently in use.

"The municipality will continue to support local events, such as the Minden Sled Dog Derby and the Ontario Timbersport Championships, which have helped put Minden on the map. Council and staff have worked very diligently to provide a 1997 budget with no mill rate increase which maintains services and continues to expand our infrastructure."

Deputy-reeve Jerry Rome stated that staff members should be commended for their co-operation and diligent work.

"There is no more room for cuts," Rome pointed out.

"It took a tremendous amount of work," said reeve Jeanne Anthon.

(more on page 3)

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School athletes have represented the school well in track and field competitions. Seven students have earned the right to compete at the Ontario Championships. Amy Wood (left) and Amanda McClenaghan are seen here in the senior girls 4X100 relay. For the story, and more photos, see page 11.

photo by Kevin Brezina

Residents hear about water level control problems

by Andrew Milne

Representatives of the Trent-Severn Waterway (TSW) met Thursday with Minden residents upset with last month's flooding.

Chief engineer Bruce Kitchen attended at the request of the residents.

Portions of Anson and North Water Street were flooded for over a week, and North Water Street was closed a few days in early May. Backyards were substantially submerged, and one homeowner's family was forced to don waders to enter and leave their home.

Residents were quite vocal at the meeting, demanding to know if there weren't alternatives the engineers could have pursued.

TSW representatives replied that the reservoirs above Minden in the waterway were at or dangerously close to capacity, leaving them little choice but to run the river at the highest flow possible.

Said Kitchen, "We went to the aggravation level. And you can argue what the aggravation level is, but it's off anyone's floor, as far as I know. It is on the street. Mr. Harding had to drive a car through some water. Mr. Hill had water in his crawl space, but it was not on anyone's floor as far as I know."

Kitchen said also that while there was some very limited capacity left in the 13 controlled lakes above Minden, storing water out to reduce the flow downstream would have left them with no further reserve capacity should there have been additional rains. The resulting situation would then have left them open to uncontrollable flooding in some areas of the system.

The TSW representatives spent most of the meeting explaining the nature of the system, and what the particular factors causing the early May flooding were.

The TSW has maintained that the high levels higher in the chain were a result of heavy rains coinciding with the tail end of the spring snow melt.

"We anticipated problems in the snow melt," said Kitchen. "But it went so slow that we got through that fine. But by then the reservoirs were full, and when the rain came, we had to let it go... It was just way too much for the lakes to hold. We couldn't hold onto all that water."

Kitchen said that water was maintained at high levels throughout the system — in an attempt to balance the inconveniences shoreline residents would suffer. People on lakes higher up the chain, they say, have also been complaining.

Riverside residents had questions regarding the daily and seasonal fluctuations on the river and on lakes higher in the chain — and took the opportunity as well to voice grievances regarding occasional low water levels — including weekend ebbs that have locked river side residents' boats in their berths.

Kitchen confirmed that they do let additional water through the system

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Free family fun at HHOA fish hatchery

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County Life staff

This year marks the 25th year of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association (HHOA), the 20th year of the HHOA Fish Hatchery and the 150th anniversary of Confederation in Canada.

So on May 13, the Fish Hatchery is hosting a party big enough to celebrate all three milestones.

The hatchery's family celebration will be free to all attendees this year, and organizers are expecting up to 1,000 people, based on high turnouts to similar events in years past.

Visitors will have the chance to see the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) helicopter that helps stock local lakes with fish, and a raptor and retriever dog show. A large obstacle course, minnow races, face painting, games and a bouncy castle will keep the kids entertained, while awareness of the hatchery will be raised through tours of the operation. A time capsule featuring photos of the history of the hatchery will be commemorated that day, to be opened in 25 years.

"The whole idea of the family day is to get the kids out, showcase the hatchery and what we do around there, and teach about the fish stocking program," said Larry Hewitt, HHOA president.

More than 66,000 fish were stocked in local lakes across Minden and Haliburton last year, and the HHOA raised and stocked 39 per cent of those fish, according to a Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry 2016 report.

Bass Pro Shops will have a fishing pond on site for guests to try their hand at fishing, and the Ontario Fur Managers Federation plan to have a display teaching about trapping.

"If a kid hunts or fishes in his or her early childhood, 80 per cent of the kids that do that, they'll do that as a hobby later in life," said Hewitt. "If they can catch a fish at the hatchery that day, they might talk their parents into taking them fishing another time."

The HHOA was awarded a federal grant of $7,500 to help organize the event.

Because large crowds of people parking on Gelert Road cause the area to be difficult to navigate, this year the HHOA is offering free shuttles to those who park at the high school in Haliburton. Some parking will still be available onsite.

The HHOA Fish Hatchery is located at 6712 Gelert Rd. in Haliburton. The HHOA Family Celebration takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and barbecue lunch is available for purchase provided by the HHOA Fryer Tuck Team. Tents will be set up in case of rain.

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Preparing for an emergency begins well before the storm or disaster strikes home.

To mark Emergency Preparedness Week (May 7 to 13), the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is encouraging local residents to plan for an emergency ahead of time. In any emergency, the health unit advises that people should be prepared to take care of themselves for up to 72 hours.

"Whether it is an extended power blackout, extreme weather, flooding, train derailment, or drinking water disruption, you never know when disaster can strike your community," says Carol Chan, the emergency preparedness co-ordinator with the HKPR District Health Unit. "While you can never predict an emergency, you can prepare for one by taking action."

The health unit recommends the following three-step approach to prepare for an emergency:

Make a Plan:

It is important that people know what to do in an emergency, and creating an action plan can help, Chan says. An action plan can cover such things as identifying emergency exits in a home, deciding upon a safe meeting place to gather as a family in an emergency, and creating a list of key emergency contacts, prescription medication, and any allergies or medical conditions. Emergency Management Ontario (www.ontario.ca/getprepared) offers an online tool that allows users to create an Emergency Preparedness Action Plan for their household. The action plan lists specific steps to get prepared and provides tips on hazards that might affect a community

Build an Emergency Kit

An emergency survival kit should include everything that a family needs to be safe and care for itself for at least three days following a storm or disaster, Chan says. Essential items in any kit include food (non-perishable and easy-to-prepare items), bottled water, medication, flashlight, radio (crank or battery-run), first-aid kit, candles and matches, hand sanitizer, important papers (such as identification, key contact lists, copies of prescriptions), extra car keys and cash. Special items to have in the kit could include pet food and supplies or items for babies and small children (like diapers, baby food and comfort items). In case of evacuation, extra clothes, blankets, personal items (toothpaste, shampoo, comb and other toiletries), playing cards and travel games should also be included. "It's best to pack the contents of your emergency kit in an easy-to-carry bag, and have it readily accessible if you need to leave your home in a hurry," Chan advises. "Be sure to check and refresh your kit twice a year, making sure that items like food, bottled water and batteries have not expired."

Stay Informed

Expect the unexpected! Individuals should be watchful for bad weather or conditions that could pose a risk to themselves and their families. Ontario's Emergency Public Warning System provides three types of warnings – Red Alerts, Emergency Information Advisories and Tornado Warnings – in a timely and accurate way to people during an emergency. People can sign up for these online warnings by visiting the 'Public Alerting in Ontario' section of the Emergency Management Ontario website (www.emergencymanagementontario.ca).

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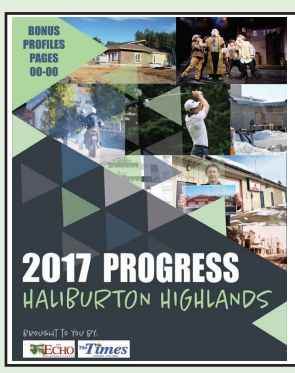

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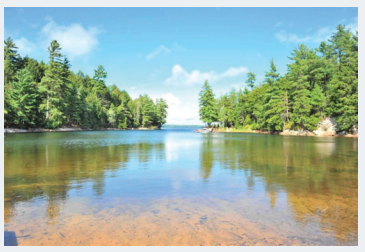

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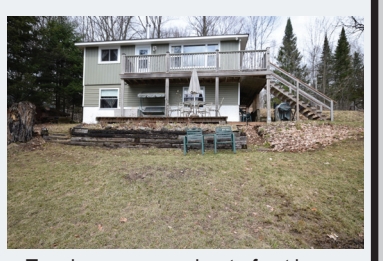

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